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Ms. Elaine M. Doubler
7634 Riverview Road
Independence, Ohio 44131

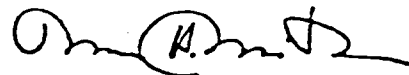
Dear Ms. Doubler:

I am pleased to inform you that the Packard-Doubler House, 7634 Riverview Road, Independence, has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, United States Department of the Interior.

The nomination was made in connection with a state plan to identify and document prehistoric and historic places in Ohio which qualify for National Register status under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. All nominations are approved by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board.

Enclosed is information explaining the purposes and goals of the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Smith
State Historic Preservation Officer
Director, Ohio Historical Society

THS:cw

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Carol Poh Miller
Eric Johannesen, Regional Preservationist
✓ F. A. Ketterson, National Park Service

Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board

July 24, 1978

Ms. Elaine M. Doubler
7634 Riverview Road
Independence, Ohio 44131

Dear Ms. Doubler:

I am pleased to inform you that your property, listed below, is being considered by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board as qualified for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, United States Department of the Interior. The program was created by Congress in 1966 by the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L.89-665). A sheet explaining the National Register of Historic Places has been enclosed.

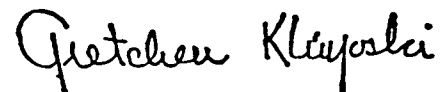
While public or private real property may be added to the National Register without the permission of the landowner, the Ohio Historic Preservation Office encourages public participation and we are most anxious to receive comments from property owners regarding listing of their property. A 60 day period (ending 9/19/78) is provided for these comments. The nomination will be brought up for final action at the first meeting of the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board after this 60 day period. If the property is approved for nomination to the National Register, written comments which we have received concerning the significance of the property under the National Register criteria will be forwarded to Washington with the nomination. Property owners are contacted by the staff in Washington before the property is listed. Listing in the Register is a Department of the Interior decision.

Registration in the National Register does not diminish or alter title to the land. However, it does help protect listed property from demolition or harm from any federally funded or licensed program by providing for a federal-level hearing in the event of such jeopardy. Owners of listed property are eligible to apply for 50% matching grants-in-aid for historic preservation through the state program. Certain Federal tax consequences may result for income-producing (depreciable) properties pursuant to Section 2124 of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-455). The provisions of this section of the Act are explained on the enclosed sheet entitled "Tax Incentives to Encourage The Preservation of Historic Structures."

Please note that a copy of this letter is being sent to the appropriate public officials in your area for additional comments.

Packard-Doubler House
7634 Riverview Road

Sincerely,



Gretchen Klimoski
Registration Department Head

X. c: Office of the Mayor
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Carol Poh Miller
Eric Johannesen, Regional Preservationist

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
Ohio Historical Center I-71 & 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 466-

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Packard-Doubler House

AND/OR COMMON Elaine Doubler House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 7634 Riverview Road

CITY, TOWN Independence

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

23

STATE Ohio

CODE
039

COUNTY Cuyahoga

CODE
035

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Elaine M. Doubler

STREET & NUMBER 7634 Riverview Road

CITY, TOWN Independence

VICINITY OF

STATE
Ohio

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Cuyahoga County Administration Building

STREET & NUMBER 1219 Ontario

CITY, TOWN Cleveland

STATE
Ohio

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Ohio Historic Inventory

DATE 5/76

FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Center

CITY, TOWN Columbus

STATE
Ohio

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Packard-Doubler House is situated on a winding semi-rural road on the western rim of the Cuyahoga River Valley. It is a traditional brick farmhouse with Greek Revival overtones. The main block is a simple one-and-one-half-story rectangle with a six-bay facade. It has a gable roof, a low stone foundation with basement, and interior end chimneys. The house is of brick bearing-wall construction. The brick is laid in common bond. Windows are double-hung, with 2/2 lights, and have dressed stone sills and lintels. There are two small rectangular windows in the rear wall, one of which has been boarded up. The house is distinguished by a brick dentil cornice that follows the rake of the gable and is continuous on both the front and rear of the house. Bricks for the house reputedly were made on the site.¹

There are two front entrances to the house, one admitting to what is now the dining room, and one to what is now the living room. There is also a bedroom at the rear of the ground floor level. Upstairs, there are three bedrooms and a hall. Interior moldings and doors, which are extremely simple, appear to be original.

A one-story wood frame kitchen with clapboard siding was added on the north side of the house c. 1890. A woodshed attached at the rear of the kitchen encloses a stairway to the basement; a smaller shed attached to the main block encloses a bulkhead entrance to the basement. Bungalow-style wooden porches were added to the front of the main block and to the kitchen in 1924; the porches feature clustered supports with trellises and exposed rafters with shaped ends. The house was painted white in 1931, and the shutters were removed. A window in the south elevation has been bricked in.

Although not part of this nomination, there is a barn near the road just north of the house. It was built by France Doubler in 1901. There is also a garage on the property. A huge black walnut tree frames the front of the house, which is surrounded by farm land now lying fallow.

¹Interview with Elaine M. Doubler, Independence, Ohio, 29 March 1978.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cleveland, Ohio. The Western Reserve Historical Society. Cuyahoga County Tax Duplicate (1847-1869).

Doubler, Elaine M. Independence, Ohio. Interview, 29 March 1978.

Lake, D. J. Atlas of Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Philadelphia: Titus, Simmes & Titus, 1874; reprint ed., Evansville, Ind.: Unigraphic, Inc., 1974.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Northfield

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 449520 45178260

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property consists of the lot identified by Cuyahoga County permanent parcel number 564-29-3. It is approximately 160 by 235 feet in size.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Carol Poh Miller, Historic Preservation Consultant

ORGANIZATION under contract with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society

DATE

12 June 1978

STREET & NUMBER

1260 Granger Avenue

TELEPHONE

216/226-8236

CITY OR TOWN

Cleveland

STATE

Ohio

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1864

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Packard-Doubler House is a small traditional brick farmhouse with Greek Revival overtones. It was built in 1864 by John Packard, a farmer, who sold it just four years later to France X. Doubler. The house has been in the Doubler Family ever since.

The Packard-Doubler House is significant for its association with the history of Independence, a predominantly rural community until recent times. It is one of the few brick farmhouses in the Cuyahoga Valley, and its brick dentil cornice is especially unusual.

History

John Packard was the son of Isaac and Hildah Packard. All three were natives of Massachusetts.¹ It is not known exactly when they settled in Independence township. In 1847, John Packard purchased fifty acres of land in Lot #36. By 1860, census records show that Packard had married and that he had a young son. He is listed as a farmer.² The tax duplicate shows that he built the present brick house in 1864, although the 1858 map of Cuyahoga County indicates that there was an earlier house on the property. In 1868, Packard sold the property (by now consisting of sixty acres) to France X. Doubler.³ Packard moved elsewhere in the township. He served for two years (1871-1872) as a township trustee, and died in 1899; his wife, Sarah, died in 1905.⁴ Little else is known about the Packards, although several Packard descendants still reside in nearby Brecksville.

France X. Doubler (1845-1928) was one of four children of Albert and

¹Federal Population Census of Ohio, 1850, Cuyahoga County, Independence, p. 262.

²Federal Population Census of Ohio, 1860, Cuyahoga County, Independence, p. 668.

³Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 152, pp. 556-557.

⁴Crisfield Johnson, History of Cuyahoga County, Ohio (Cleveland: D. W. Ensign & Co., 1879), p. 462; and The Western Reserve Historical Society, comp., "Cuyahoga County Cemetery Inscriptions," 2 vols. (Typescript, 1934), 1:197.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Catherine Doubler, who emigrated from the Alsace-Lorraine region of Germany to Cleveland sometime during the early 1840s.⁵ The Doubler family lived near Superior Avenue at E. 6th Street, where France Doubler was born. Prior to 1850, the family moved to Brecksville, where they purchased the seventy-nine-acre John Schlund farm on Fitzwater Road.

France Doubler married Mary Vaughan, a Brecksville resident who was a native of County Mayo, Ireland, about 1867. They purchased the Packard farm in 1868. Doubler farmed the land, sowing mostly grain crops. He built the frame addition on the house in 1890, and built the large barn near the road in 1901. Two of the Doublers' nine children, Thomas M. ("Dan") and Fred, purchased the farm in 1910. France continued to reside there until his death in 1928. Mary died in 1916. Dan and Fred Doubler farmed the land together. Dan married Elaine Mann in 1921, and they lived in the family home. Fred married and built a new house across the road. Dan Doubler died in 1968. Elaine Mann Doubler still lives in the house today, although almost all of the original Doubler farm has been sold. Farming continued until 1961; the land today lies fallow.

The Packard-Doubler House has a great deal of historical and architectural integrity. The house is surrounded by large, open fields, and this section of Riverview Road still has a rural character (there is extensive suburban development further to the south). The house looks out over the Cuyahoga River and the Ohio and Erie Canal to the east; in winter, with the foliage gone, the historic Wilson Feed Mill (1851) can be seen. With few exceptions, the house retains its architectural integrity, both inside and out. It tells the story of Independence when it was still largely an agricultural community.

⁵Federal Population Census of Ohio, 1850, Cuyahoga County, Brecksville, p. 268; and Interview with Elaine M. Doubler, Independence Ohio, 29 March 1978. The history of the Doubler Family that follows is based largely on this interview.